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November 13th Program: An Evening with Alex Binsted and Fly-Fishing Fletcher's Cove on the Potomac

By Dan Neuland

We have a great program for you this month. Fletcher's Cove has been a locally renowned paddling and unique fishing destination since the 1850's and provides access to the Potomac River as well as the historic Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Fletcher's Cove is home to Fletcher's Boathouse, which was owned by the Fletcher Family from 1850 up until 2004 when the National Park Service acquired the property. It is now operated by Alex Binsted, our guest speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 13th. Binsted will be explaining the myriad of fishing opportunities at Fletcher's Cove for both fly and spin anglers. Anglers flock to Fletcher's Cove for Striped Bass, American and Hickory Shad, Blue and Channel Catfish, Carp, Walleye, Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass as well as the infamous Northern Snakeheads.

Binsted was born and raised within walking distance of the Potomac River in Washington, DC. Much of his youth was spent fishing at Fletcher's Boathouse and later on, many days of skipped school were spent catching Shad from the banks of the Potomac. Almost three decades later he still lives in the same neighborhood and spends most of his free time fishing the river and the C&O Canal. When he's not fishing he works as a manager at Fletcher's Boathouse and spends his spare time building furniture using reclaimed wood from the river basin.

Binsted will also be selling his popular Bucktail jigs and flies designed by Binsted for Shad, Bass and Carp.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to discover or reacquaint yourself with the extraordinary fishing opportunities at Fletcher's Cove.

Hope to see you on the 13th!



November Fly Tying/Combined Beginner and Roundtable – November 19th

By Don Fine

With the pending Thanksgiving holiday, this month's Fly Tying instruction will be a combined Beginner and Roundtable session on Monday, November 19th.

Colin Flournoy will be leading the tying of the Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, a classic nymph pattern, that evening. The Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph (hereafter referred to as GRHE), is believed to be created around 1910 by an English fly tier who used hare's ear dubbing for the nymph's body as simply a modification on the long-lived Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Wet Fly. It was tied then with a fur tail and body and a fur 'hackle'. The GRHE Nymph is a staple pattern in most every fly fisher's fly box, since it characteristically represents the Mayfly nymphs found in freestone streams and rivers.

The November Fly Tying session will be held in Room 207 at the Trintiy United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street in Frederick.

As is customary, all materials will be provided for tying, as well as fly tying vises and equipment for those that do not have their own equipment.



PVFF Project Healing Waters – Frederick Program

By Andrew Frutiger

What an exciting time, on Tuesday, October 23rd, as we kicked off the first of many Project Healing Waters (PHW) – Frederick Program – events ([Project Healing Waters Frederick Program Press Release](#)). We had a great turnout of enthusiastic volunteers as we welcomed 3 new members to the program. Although 2 of the veterans were already PVFF members, Deme, a recent transfer to the area from Texas, was brand new and excited to get started. The night included an introduction to the program and its goal of healing, demonstrations in fly tying, exhibitions of fly fishing gear and rod building, as well as some excellent food.

As we continue to grow the Frederick Program, we are asking for your help as we continue to encourage as many eligible veterans as possible to experience the benefits of the program. Any introductions or suggestions are always greatly appreciated.

To learn more about the program and follow our Chapter's progress, follow us on Facebook or reach out to me directly with any questions or if you would like to get involved at: andrewfrutiger@yahoo.com

Our next PHW Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27th in Room 207 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street in Frederick.



Deme ready to try out her new flies!

PVFF Banquet Thank You

By Jon Thames

I think this past Banquet was as good an evening that I can remember. Everyone had fun and we all enjoyed the good fellowship. Highlights are many and Lynn Ashe and her performance goes down as one for the record book. Congratulations to this year's Club Award winners Rick Loose and Larry Forte! Thank you for all you do for the Club!!!

As Chairman of the Banquet Committee I have help from the best volunteers to put this Banquet together. They do the work and this year's success is a result of countless hours from the many volunteers. Thank you to all who stepped up to help make this annual event another success!

In closing, if any members are interested in volunteering to help with next year's Banquet please know you are welcome. Andy Mekelburg will be chairing our next Banquet, so let Andy know and sign up to join in the fun!

Club Stocks Catocin Creek

By Rick Loose

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the Club stocked 560 fat Rainbow Trout in our "Home waters", Catocin Creek. Thank you to everyone that helped with the stocking. Good Luck Fishing!!!



Conservation News

By Dave Keane

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Fall Tree Planting

On Saturday, November 17th, the PVFF will be participating in a Tree Planting event with *Stream-Link Education*. The tree planting will take place in the Waterside Community along the Monocacy River.

Planting Details

What: Tree planting along the Monocacy River

Where: Waterside Community

When: Saturday, November 17, 2018

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Directions: closest address is [8001 Admiralty Place Frederick, MD 21701](#)

Turn into a gated driveway across the street from a playground. The planting will take place along the flood plain.

Link to *Stream-Link Education*:

StreamLinkEducation.org/plantings

Please email Dave Keane, Conservation Chair, if you will be attending this event.

Membership

By Ruby Fine

The 2019 dues are to be paid by December 31, 2018. Please fill out the Membership / Renewal Application Form at the end of this Newsletter and pay your dues by either mail or at the Monthly Meetings. You may also pay for more than one year at a time. A special drawing will be held at the end of the December meeting and if you're the lucky person who has paid your dues and your name is selected, you'll get a one-year free membership along with a box of flies. Thank you for renewing your membership.

Our Fish, Our Home Waters

By Don Fine

I'm sure that most every PVFF member has heard us refer to Catoctin Creek as our Club's Home Waters. But for those that may not be aware, we use the term *'home waters'* because of the reciprocal relationship that developed and has continued between PVFF and the Catoctin Creek Nature Center (CCNC). In brief, the section of

Catoctin Creek that falls under the domain of the CCNC property is where we annually stock the stream with rainbow trout raised *'with loving care'* at the Club's stocking pen. The most recent stocking was done this past week. Several days thereafter I visited the stream to try my hand at catching some of these well fed PVFF-stocked Trout.

What an amazing day to be on the stream! Though the temperature was in the low 40's, the sun was bright and the wind mild. Leaves turning golden and the smell of autumn was in the air. Upon arriving at the stream my initial (somewhat pessimistic) thoughts were that the fish might not yet be adapted to the stream conditions having lived in the pen for nearly a year, or that the weather change might shut the fish *'down'*. Within a few minutes I hooked and landed one decent trout and then my optimism soared. Wow! I haven't lost my skill over this crazy wet summer. Over the next 1 ½ hours I landed an additional 3 nice rainbows and lost a significant number more. *Note: we 'skilled' fly fishers often refer to any fish that we have on line longer than 2 seconds, as a long line release.*

Indeed our Club is blessed to have our own *'home waters'* and to have members who are devoted to raising these beautiful trout. It is an awesome resource for not only our members, but for the general public who also can enjoy the thrill of *'Catch & Release'* fishing.



Last Cast

By Larry Forte

As I write my last column for the Newsletter, it is Friday, October 26th and the week is almost over. It was a pretty awesome week and it started last Saturday with our 51st Annual Banquet; which was a big success. Our attendance was 102, which is a great turnout for us. Over the past 3 years, attendance has been great. It's not hard to figure out why, it's a fun evening! This year was no exception. The *Blindfolded Fly Tying* Contest was enjoyable. I will admit that my Woolly Bugger was rather sad. Dave Keane was the champion! Plus, the *Fly Fishers Trivia Game* was a lot of fun. It added some excitement to the awarding of the Bucket Raffle items. Nice job Mr. Mekelburg! Looking forward to next year's version of the game. Plus, Dave Wooster's talk about Project Healing Waters was special and a great addition to the evening. Finally, how awesome was Lynn Ashe and her *Travel Rod* presentation. What a talent. I think she should perform at all future Banquets!!! If you would like to see her performance, go to www.youtube.com and search Fish Hunter Blues. Now, I won the Club's "*Travel Rod*" for the 2019 Fishing Season and I can promise I will not sing like she did at next year's Banquet!

After recovering for a couple of days, it was a busy PVFF Day on Tuesday, October 23rd. We started at 8:00 AM at the Club's Trout Pen (actually Rick Loose and Billy Noland arrived at 7:00 AM!). With a great crew of 10 Club volunteers, we removed 560 fat Rainbow Trout from the Pen and stocked them at our "*Home Waters*" at the Catocin Creek Nature Center. Thank you to all that helped stock the Trout and let's enjoy fishing for them this Fall and Winter.

The day ended with our first PHW Meeting. What an incredible day it was for our Club and PHW volunteers! As Andrew wrote in his column, 3 folks showed up including Deme. She was very excited to tie her first fly! The program is off to a great start as we look for it to grow over the next couple of months. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27th.

A couple of final "*Thank You's*":

Again, thanks to Jon, Ruby and the rest of the Banquet Committee. They did a great job making the Banquet a fun and successful evening. Organizing a party for 102 people takes a lot of time, planning and organization.

Also, I would like to thank all of the members that made donations to the Club for the Banquet. Finally, thank you to all of the Companies and Fly Shops who made very generous contributions as well.

Thank you for being part of this Club. See you at the next meeting!

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Monthly Calendar of Events

November 13th Monthly Club Meeting
Tuscarora High School
5312 Ballenger Creek Pike
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room A170

November 17th Monocacy River Tree
Planting
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Waterside Community,
Frederick, MD

November 19th Combined Beginner's and
Roundtable Fly Tying
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room 207

November 27th PHW Meeting
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room 207

November 28th Board of Directors'
Meeting
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room 109

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